GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR SINGARENI COLLIERIES IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take World Bank assistance for an eco-friendly project at Singareni Collieries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the financial commitment in this proposal; and

(d) the other steps the Government propose to make the Singareni Collieries a modern and pollution - free collieries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(d): Some of the important measures being taken in the existing / operating coal mines of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to make the mines modern and pollution- free include :-

(i) Adoption of suitable mining methods to reduce dust production

(ii) Water sprinkling

(iii) Plantation in and around mine entries, coal transporting roads, coal handling plants etc.

(iv) Adequate lighting in the working places both in underground & opencast mines

(v) Use of electricity as far as possible to reduce diesel consumption by selection of suitable size of equipment/technology to reduce pollution

(vi) Adequate capital provision while opening new mines for making mines pollution-free.